SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO



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NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS AND SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

Changes to Limited Civil Account Stated Cases

The San Diego Superior Court will implement the following changes to limited civil cases with an Account Stated designation on the Civil Case Cover Sheet filed on or after March 8, 2004.

- Cases will be managed in accordance with section 2.1 of the Standards of Judicial Administration, Appendix to the California Rules of Court and San Diego County Superior Court Rules 2.1 through 2.10.
- One of the following documents must be filed with the Court within 60 days of the filing of the complaint: (1) Certificate of Service stating all parties have been served; or (2) Certificate of Progress indicating why service has not been effected on all parties, what is being done to effect service, and the amount of time still needed to effect service. (San Diego Superior Court Rule 2.5)
- Following the filing of the Certificate of Service, one of the following documents must be filed with the Court pursuant to San Diego Superior Court Rule 2.6:
 (1) Answer or Appearance;
 (2) Request to Enter Default; or
 (3) Certificate of Inability to Respond or Request Default;
- A \$50.00 sanction will be imposed and the case will be set for a hearing for failure to comply if a Certificate of Service, Certificate of Progress or Certificate of Inability to Respond or Request Default is not filed timely.
- The failure hearing will be taken off calendar if prior to the date of the hearing the required document is filed <u>and</u> the sanction is paid.
- Within 150 days of the filing of the Complaint, a Case Management Conference will be scheduled.

- In cases where all defendants have had a default entered and default judgment has not been entered within 45 days of the entry of default, an Order to Show Cause hearing will be set for failure to file judgment papers. This requirement applies to all limited civil account stated cases regardless of the filing date.
- Central Division Only Cases in which an answer has been filed will be noticed for a case management conference in Department 25 and trial dates will be set at that hearing. No motions may be set prior to the case management conference without leave of court from Department 25.

The changes outlined above will be effective in the Central, East, North and South County Divisions of the Superior Court unless otherwise indicated above and pertain only to limited civil account stated cases.

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